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Ms. Marlene Dortch Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Re: <u>Docket numbers 01-338, 96-98 and 98-147</u>

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, James Kirkland, General Counsel, Susan Davis and Praveen Goyal, all of Covad Communications Company, met with Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein and Scott Bergmann regarding the above-referenced dockets. During the meeting, Covad reiterated its call for Commission action to preserve access to line sharing beyond the October 2, 2004 date established by the Commission's line sharing transition rules. Covad urged the Commission to act expeditiously to relieve competitive DSL providers from its decision in the *Triennial Review Order* to phase out the line sharing UNE. Covad also urged the Commission to ensure that, while it took such action, carriers and consumers relying on line sharing would not be cut-off from obtaining new line shared lines under the Commission's looming October 2 deadline.

Respectfully submitted,

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